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From: Maki, Joe (DEQ)
To: Coluccio, Tina (DEQ)
Subject: FW: Back 40 Mine
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 2:10:52 PM

From: Fitch, Hal (DEQ)
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 12:01 PM
To: Maki, Joe (DEQ) <MAKIJ3@michigan.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Back 40 Mine

Joe-

Anyone besides you going to this meeting for DEQ? I assume you will just be talking about the permit review process and describing the proposed mine?

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Grether, Heidi (DEQ)" <GretherH@michigan.gov>
Date: May 17, 2017 at 11:42:07 AM EDT
To: "Epkey, Amy (DEQ)" <epkeya@michigan.gov>, "Pallone, Maggie (DEQ)" <PalloneM@michigan.gov>, "Fitch, Hal (DEQ)" <FITCHH@michigan.gov>, "Brown, Melanie (DEQ)" <BrownM45@michigan.gov>
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Joe Maki will be presenting on our permit application review process. This is at the request of the two city councils.

Hal

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From: Maki, Joe (DEQ)
To: Coluccio, Tina (DEQ)
Subject: FW: Newspaper Article
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 2:09:27 PM
Attachments: SKM_C554e17051812490.pdf

From: Nancy Douglas [mailto:ndouglas2@new.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 5:16 PM
To: Maki, Joe (DEQ) <MAKIJ3@michigan.gov>
Subject: Fw: Newspaper Article

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— Original Message —

From: Susan Johnson
To: ndouglas2@new.rr.com
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 12:45 PM
Subject: Newspaper Article

Nancy:

The article is attached.

Susan

From: Maki, Joe (DEQ)
To: Coluccio, Tina (DEQ)
Subject: FW: Newspaper Article
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 2:08:52 PM

From: Nancy Douglas [mailto:ndouglas2@new.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 1:02 PM
To: Maki, Joe (DEQ) <MAKIJ3@michigan.gov>
Subject: Re: Newspaper Article

thanks, Joe. because of open meeting act requirements in Marinette, we have only until Monday to post. I have informed both our city manager and the full time paid Mayor in Marinette that this is under review and we will wait to hear from you before we do anything. Nancy

— Original Message —

From: Maki, Joe (DEQ)
To: Nancy Douglas
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 11:31 AM
Subject: Re: Newspaper Article

Thanks Nancy, I'm waiting for direction from LANSING

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Subject: Re: Back 40 Mine

I want to relate some recent developments regarding the upcoming joint city council meeting on the Back Forty mine.

The intent of the meeting as originally expressed was to provide information to the Menominee and Marinette city councils on the proposed mine and the DEQ permits. It now appears that the meeting may be transformed into a protest rally against the mine and the DEQ permit decisions. We have been told that Menominee Mayor Jean Stegeman is openly opposed to the mine and has encouraged others to protest the permit(s); and that members of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin (MITW) will be participating in the meeting. The MITW is opposed to the mine and is a party in the ongoing contested case proceeding on the mining permit; we assume Tribe members will be protesting at the meeting.

We are concerned about Joe being drawn into a politicized debate, and that his participation will not be productive for the DEQ. We have already held a public meeting and a subsequent public hearing on the mining permit, and have considered all comments received.

I recommend that we decline to participate in the meeting, on the basis that the intent has changed and that we are in the midst of a contested case proceeding; and one of parties to the case is expected to be represented at the council meeting. Joe Maki has discussed this with Nancy Douglas of the Menominee Business Development Corporation, who originally invited him to speak, and she is understanding and supportive of our position.

The meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday, May 24, so we need to advise the city councils as soon as possible. I am directing Joe to cancel his participation by COB Monday, May 22, unless advised otherwise.

Hal Fitch

From: Maki, Joe (DEQ)
To: Coluccio, Tina (DEQ)
Subject: FW: City of Menominee Meeting
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 2:07:53 PM

From: Tony Graff [mailto:tgraff@cityofmenominee.net]
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 4:12 PM
To: Maki, Joe (DEQ) <MAKU3@michigan.gov>
Subject: City of Menominee Meeting

Joe:

If you can give me a call for a follow up regarding the City of Menominee meeting which is tentatively scheduled for May 24th.

There is a change in the agenda. Mayor Stegeman has invited Al Gedricks to give a presentation. If this is a problem let me know I would hope the DEQ will allow you to still attend and give your presentation. Since this is a public meeting there will be time for public comment at the end but not a debate or Q & A session with the public.

Let me know if you need further information, please contact me.

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